

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are now present in this application, with new claims 6-8 being added by the present Supplemental Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant notes that new claims 6-8 have been added by the present Preliminary Amendment. These claims correspond to original claims 5-6 (noting that claim 6 was a multiple dependent claim) of the present application and are thus fully supported by the original application text. These claims are being filed to correct any inadvertent confusion caused when originally filing the application.

Applicant's representative thought that only claims 1-4 remained after Article 34 Amendment and thus added a new claim 5 to correct a multiple dependency problem. However, each of original claims 1-5 had been intended to remain after Article 34 Amendment. Accordingly, new claims 6-8 have now been added (supported by original claims 6-8) by the present Preliminary Amendment to again ensure that each of the original claims are pending for examination. These claims have been re-added as new claims to avoid any confusion with claims 1-5 filed in the first Preliminary Amendment. Entry of this second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-8 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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